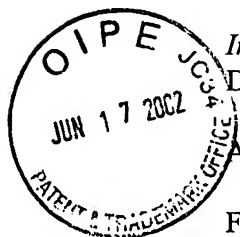


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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts in connection with Requirements for Applications containing Sequence Disclosures mailed April 16, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 36, line 10, paragraph 2: Please amend as follows:

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Hepsin: A trypsin-like serine protease: The GenBank entry M18930 *Homo sapiens*, hepsin gene is as shown below (SEQ ID NO: 1):

Page 37, line 1, paragraph 1: Please amend as follows:

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Hepsin Protein sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2):

Page 65, line 18, paragraph 6: Please amend as follows:

a3

Reverse transcriptase (RT)-directed quantitative PCR was performed using the TaqMan 7700 Sequence Detector (Applied Biosystems) to determine the hepsin mRNA level in each sample. Human beta-actin mRNA was used as control. The nucleotide sequences of the hepsin TaqMan probe set used for the detection of mRNA levels detection were: